



For Your Information: Send all samples at ambient temperature

Address all samples to **"H&I - Diagnostic Specimens"** and use the correct address for the laboratory.

NHSBT CENTRE	ADDRESS	Phone - LAB	OUT OF HOURS
Barnsley	Barnsley Blood Centre (Unit D), Capitol Way, Dodworth, Barnsley, S75 3FG	01226 86 8241	01226 86 8061
Birmingham	Vincent Drive, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2SG	0121 278 4108	0121 278 4037
Filton	500 North Bristol Park, Northway, Filton, Bristol, BS34 7QH	0117 912 5733	0117 912 5724
Colindale	Charcot Road, Colindale, London, NW9 5BG	020 8957 2923	020 8957 2800
Newcastle	Holland Drive, Barrack Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4NQ	0191 202 4410	0191 202 4500
Tooting	Cranmer Terrace, Tooting, London, SW17 0RB	020 3123 8347	020 3123 8352

Other H&I test request forms

3A	Platelet Refractoriness / Transfusion Reactions	3D	Platelet Immunology
3B	Organ Transplant (Patients & Donors)	3E	Granulocyte Immunology
3C	Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (Recipients & Donors)	3F	Disease Association / Drug Hypersensitivity / H&I Research

Consent

It is the responsibility of the requester submitting a sample, to ensure informed consent has been obtained for all tests, including genetic tests in accordance with current guidance and legislation. Unless written notice is received, consent for both investigations and the use of any surplus sample in scheduled purposes (quality control, staff development or ethics committee approved research) will be assumed.

IMPORTANT: Sample labelling / completion of request form

Three points of identification must be used on the form and on the sample tubes (tube and form details must agree):

1. Forename AND surname **2.** Date of birth **3.** NHS/CHI No. (essential where available; if not available another unique identifier must be supplied).

Further copies of this form and MPD1108 "*H&I Requirements for Sample Labelling and Request Form Completion*" can be obtained from: <http://tinyurl.com/h-i-forms>.

In general, smaller volumes are permissible in infants - please contact your laboratory for help and advice.

Blood sample integrity, storage & transportation

Urgent samples must be marked urgent and discussed with the appropriate laboratory before dispatch.

Samples should be transported at ambient temperature and delivered to the laboratory in a timely manner preferably within 24 hours of collection to ensure sample age is not a limitation factor for testing. Acceptance limits for sample age can be obtained from INF136 "*H&I User Guide*" <https://tinyurl.com/y6r4z5dw>.

Prior to transportation, samples can be stored at 4°C before sending. Samples that are sent to NHSBT must be labelled and packaged as Biological Substance Category B, UN 3373 and must meet PI650. Please contact your local H&I laboratory for help and advice.

Further information

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NHSBT is committed to keeping data safe and confidential.

NHSBT H&I information can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/y4xre49f>

†ODS code refers to the NHS Hospital location code, previously known as the NACS organisation code or NHSIA location code eg RJ701 or RQ8MY.

* NHSBT terms and conditions <https://tinyurl.com/qlvpe54>

